

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a skin rejuvenating heat treatment, comprising:

placing a substantially predetermined amount of a wax composition into a microwavable container, said wax composition including paraffin wax, water and surface active componentry in an amount effective to prevent separation of the water and the paraffin wax;

exposing said container and said wax composition to microwave energy for a period sufficient to heat said wax composition to a predetermined temperature at which said wax composition is liquid;

depositing at least a portion of the heated wax composition on a human skin surface; and

after cooling of the deposited wax composition, removing the cooled deposited wax composition from said skin surface.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 2 1 wherein said paraffin wax composition more particularly includes said paraffin wax in an amount of 45% to 85% by weight, said water in an amount of 1% to 25% by weight, and said surface active componentry in an amount of 1% to 54% by weight of said paraffin wax composition.

4. (Original) The method set forth in claim 3 wherein said surface active componentry includes emulsifying componentry.

5. (Original) The method set forth in claim 4 wherein said emulsifying componentry includes at least one emulsifying agent is taken from the group consisting of glyceryl monostearate, cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol and propylene glycol.

6. (Original) The method set forth in claim 5 wherein said paraffin wax composition includes glyceryl monostearate in an amount of 2% to 25% by weight of said paraffin wax composition.

7. (Original) The method set forth in claim 5 wherein said paraffin wax composition includes cetyl alcohol in an amount of 1% to 8% by weight of said paraffin wax composition.

8. (Original) The method set forth in claim 5 wherein said paraffin wax composition includes stearyl alcohol in an amount of 1% to 8% by weight of said paraffin wax composition.

Q1 9. (Original) The method set forth in claim 5 wherein said paraffin wax composition includes propylene glycol in an amount of 0.5% to 15% by weight of said paraffin wax composition.

10. (Original) The method set forth in claim 4 wherein said emulsifying componentry includes at least one an emulsifying wax.

11. (Original) The method set forth in claim 4 wherein said emulsifying componentry has a weight percentage of 1% to 54% of said paraffin wax composition.

12. (Original) The method set forth in claim 3 wherein said surface active componentry includes a surfactant in an amount of 0.3% to 10% by weight of said paraffin wax composition.

13. (Original) The method set forth in claim 12 wherein said surfactant is taken from the group consisting of hydrogenated castor oil, alkyl ether sulfates, and alkyl sulfates.

14. (Original) The method set forth in claim 3 wherein the water is deionized water.

15. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the exposing of said wax composition to microwave energy includes placing said container with the wax composition into a microwave oven and operating said oven at a predetermined power level.

16. (Original) The method set forth in claim 15 wherein said container is provided on an outer surface with a temperature indicator element, the exposing of said wax composition to microwave energy further including terminating the operating of said oven upon a change in state of said indicator element indicating attainment of a predetermined temperature by said container and the wax composition disposed therein.

17. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the depositing of the heated wax composition on said skin surface includes dipping said skin surface into the liquid wax composition in said container.

18. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the removing of said deposited wax composition includes peeling of said deposited wax composition from said skin surface.

19. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein said wax composition has a pH between about 5.5 and about 8.0.

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~composition applicable to a skin surface for providing~~ a skin rejuvenating heat treatment method, comprising:

(a) providing a composition including:

wax;

water; and

surface active componentry in an amount effective to prevent separation of the water and the wax;

(b) heating said composition; and

(c) applying the heated composition to a skin surface.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 20, wherein said composition more particularly ~~comprising~~ comprises:

said wax in an amount of 45% to 85% by weight of said composition;

said water in an amount of 1% to 25% by weight of said composition; and

said surface active componentry in an amount of 1% to 54% by weight of said composition.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 21 wherein said surface active componentry includes emulsifying componentry.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 22 wherein said emulsifying componentry includes at least one emulsifying agent is taken from the group consisting of glyceryl monostearate, cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol and propylene glycol.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 23 wherein glyceryl monostearate is included in an amount of 2% to 25% by weight of said composition.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 25 wherein cetyl alcohol is included in an amount of 1% to 8% by weight of said composition.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 24 wherein stearyl alcohol is included in an amount of 1% to 8% by weight of said composition.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 24 wherein propylene glycol is included in an amount of 0.5% to 15% by weight of said composition.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 22 wherein said emulsifying componentry includes at least one an emulsifying wax.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 22 wherein said emulsifying componentry has a weight percentage of 1% to 54% of said composition.

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 21 wherein said surface active componentry includes a surfactant in an amount of 0.3% to 10% by

weight of said composition.

31. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 30 wherein said surfactant is taken from the group consisting of hydrogenated castor oil, alkyl ether sulfates, and alkyl sulfates.

32. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 21, further comprising at least one skin treatment component taken from the ~~group~~ group consisting of skin ~~moisurizers~~ moisturizers, vitamins, botanicals, and extracts.

33. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method set forth in claim 20 wherein said wax is a paraffin wax.